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Peter Beardsley takes on Manchester
United full-back Arthur Albiston.

Bonnie

CHARLIE Nicholas has hardly been out of the news since he joined Arsenal from Celtic for £750,000 last year.

He rejected Liverpool and Manchester United to sign for The Gunners, and when things didn't go to plan last season many critics claimed he'd joined the wrong club.

But now Charlie's superb form is helping Arsenal make a Championship challenge.

We talked to four men who know the real Charlie Nicholas. Here are their verdicts on the 22-year-old prince of goals.



Prince Charlie

Freedom of Highbury

**present manager
DON HOWE**

CHARLIE is beginning to show why we invested £750,000 in him. He's showing all the class and ability we always knew he had — and he's scoring goals.

He's playing very, very well at the moment and he's going to get even better. Personally I feel he's a more effective player behind the forwards because he's got the freedom to play anywhere he wants instead of being restricted to one area of the pitch.

Like all great players, Charlie wants to work and wants to be involved all the time.

His passing skills are tremendous — both long and short balls — and his running off the ball is great. He's a tremendous dribbler and has a great eye for an opening.

In fact, he's got the lot.



He didn't get me the sack

**TERRY NEILL
former Arsenal boss**

PEOPLE said that Charlie's failure to score a hatful of goals for Arsenal contributed to my sacking last season, but that's very unfair on the lad.

He was a commercial success before he'd even kicked a ball for the club and his name sold a lot of season tickets because a club like Arsenal needs a big-name signing every couple of years.

I never had any doubt that Charlie would prove his worth on the pitch, and that's exactly what he is now doing.

Pressure is off

**Scotland team-mate
KENNY DALGLISH**

NATURAL ability is something you never lose, and I never doubted that Charlie had that ability.

Luck wasn't on his side last season, but things seem to be running better for him this term and from what I've seen of him he's playing very well.

I'm delighted for Charlie, because he's such a skilful player and a delight to watch when he's on the ball. He's also scoring some spectacular goals.

He was criticised last season for being involved in too many commercial deals, but now he has a friend looking after his interests instead of an agent and this will help take the pressure off him.

And from Scotland's point of view, it's obviously tremendous to see the wee man getting back to his true form.

I'd love to see him improve beyond all recognition — as long as it's not against Liverpool!



Kept smiling

**His Arsenal team-mate
GRAHAM RIX**

IT'S no surprise to me that Charlie has come good because I never for one moment doubted his ability to succeed in English football.

In fact, he's been playing well ever since the boss moved him into midfield at the start of the year. But it's only since we've been at the top of the League that people have started to give him the credit he deserves.

He was under a lot of pressure last season, but he always tried to keep smiling and never let it get him down.

He's a smashing lad to have in the dressing-room and now that the goals are flowing I can sense that little extra confidence in his play.

Through training and playing with Charlie every day, I know just how good he is and I'm certain we're going to hear a lot more from him and from Arsenal in the coming years.

Join the hunt for the **Shoot! / BRAUN** **FAN of the YEAR**

WE kick-off our search for the 1985 Fan of the Year with David Hegarty from Tralee, County Kerry in Eire.

Nominated by his brother Noel, 29-year-old father of three David is a fanatical Arsenal supporter.

He has followed The Gunners' fortunes for the past 15 years and was privileged to witness the superb double side of 1971.

"Like last season's winner Mark



Our congratulations to David Hegarty, our first Fan of the Week. David is seen here with Graham Rix.

Cosgrove, who travelled from Northern Ireland to watch Leeds United, David is the same with Arsenal," says Noel.

"To travel from Eire to London costs my brother £45, but that does not deter him.

"He has to leave Tralee at 6.30am on a Friday morning to catch the ferry from Cork.

"David's hero at Highbury was Liam Brady and he was shocked when the Republic of Ireland international was sold to Italy.

"But he soon recovered and now Graham Rix is his number one hero. In fact, David named his youngest son after the Arsenal skipper."

DO YOU know a super fan like David who deserves to be rewarded for his or her loyalty to football? Send your nomination to SHOOT/BRAUN Fan of the Year, SHOOT Magazine, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS, enclosing his or her photograph and jacket size.

All Star line up

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MEN of the MONTH

Players and managers in the news over the past few weeks.

Mike Lyons

Played a major role in Wednesday's shock 2-0 win at Liverpool. The first time former Everton star Mike had been on a winning side at Anfield.

Pat Jennings

Saved a penalty for Arsenal on his 750th League appearance at Coventry.



Paul Allen

Injuries at West Ham have given Paul the chance to make a breakthrough. Was in sizzling form at Newcastle and scored the equalising goal.

Graham Taylor

Credit the Watford boss for the courageous way he faced the Press after seeing his team lose 4-5 at home to Everton. He refused to blame his new £300,000 'keeper Tony Coton, a midweek signing from Birmingham ... and then said: "Actually I enjoyed the game."

Jim McNally

Nottingham Forest's young full-back summer signing from Celtic had a tremendous debut against Norwich.

Ron Saunders

After the dramas and traumas at Birmingham City last season, Ron has guided the team to top spot in the Second Division.

Mark Falco

Came very close to landing on the scrapheap. Now he's seen off talent like Steve Archibald and Alan Brazil. Currently First Division's top marksman.

DAVIE COOPER

RANGERS

MY CAREER

I started out with Clydebank and joined Rangers in 1977 when Jock Wallace, in his first spell as manager, matched the required £100,000 transfer fee. Born in Hamilton on February 25, 1956, I enjoyed my early career with Clydebank, where I won a Second Division Championship medal in season 1975-76. We also lost an exciting Spring Cup Final, 4-2 to Airdrie. But Rangers introduced me to the big-time and I've become a club man through and through. I've won major honours while at Ibrox but I've also had disappointments, such as losing the 1980 Scottish Cup Final 1-0 to Celtic and losing out in subsequent Finals to Aberdeen that both went to extra-time.

MY FUTURE

I've won every domestic honour in Scotland with Rangers, but I'm never satisfied with what I've achieved in the past. I always want to be successful and to produce the best form. I'm striving to be consistent and to help Rangers to be the absolute tops in Scotland.

MY COUNTRY

Playing for Scotland is the honour that tops the lot. I've managed to show that I'm capable of playing and scoring at this, the highest level, and most of all I'd love to be involved in the World Cup campaign. I just hope I can stay in the team.



Who said

DAVID HODGSON, of Sunderland, and West Brom's **TONY GODDEN** share common ground. They have both tasted First Division success; they have both been told "you're not good

ONE PLAYER stood between West Bromwich Albion and a walloping when the First Division club took on new-boys Sheffield Wednesday at The Hawthorns.

Goalkeeper Tony Godden turned in a superlative performance to keep out the rampant Wednesday attack, which was led superbly by Imre Varadi.

Varadi scored a breathtaking solo goal but Albion managed to hang on for a lucky draw.

Hardly a person in the ground would deny that Godden was Albion's most impressive performer, yet the 29-year-old goalkeeper had good reason to believe that his career was finished last season.

Godden, who has made more than 250 appearances for Albion, spent 17 miserable months in the reserves as Paul Barron, the former Crystal Palace keeper, enjoyed an uninterrupted first

team spell between January, 1983 and May, 1984.

Now, suddenly, Godden is back in favour — and determined to revive a career that seemed in ruins last season.

"I was a bit shaken when I lost my place to Paul but at the time I thought that I could get back into the team by showing good performances in the reserves," he says.

That didn't materialise. Paul performed exceptionally well and held his place. I wanted first team football and I went on loan to Luton. If I have to say it myself, I did well and helped keep them in the First Division.

Giles' arrival last season generated a sense of optimism at the club and Godden has benefited from the new regime.

"The boss made it clear to us all that he would take a look at each and every player. No one was guaranteed a first team

Godden saves from Sheffield Wednesday's Imre Varadi



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enough for my team"; and they are both currently back in favour, enjoying the good times again.

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place. They would be chosen on merit.

"I considered my position, and stayed with Albion. Now, I'm back in goal, and I'm enjoying my game once more."

DAVID HODGSON left the club he respects more than any other to join one he supported as a schoolboy. And the move still finds him with mixed feelings.

He says: "I consider Liverpool the best club in the land and it was a blow to know I'd missed out on the chance to win a regular first team place."

"But in coming to Sunderland, I've returned to the club I thought so much of as a kid. I was such a Roker fan that I even sold bingo tickets there."

"I had wanted so much to make it at Liverpool that it hurt. But after two and a half years at Anfield the prospect of another season of reserve team football made me

realise the time had come to make a fresh start elsewhere."

In fact the former Middlesbrough striker asked Liverpool for a transfer more than a year ago. Dave says: "I was missing Teesside so much that I asked for a move and was disappointed when Liverpool turned down opening negotiations by Sunderland."

But Liverpool's refusal to sell Hodgson in 1983 was a turning point for him. He says: "I made up my mind to have a real go at establishing myself at Anfield."

"I began to make friends on Merseyside, and was coming to terms with life in the area."

But when Dave's bid for first team recognition failed, he opted for pastures new.

"I'm delighted to be given this opportunity at Sunderland. I've returned to the North-East a better player than when I left and intend to prove it."



A rare Hodgson goal for Liverpool against Forest.



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Brains not brawn

BIRMINGHAM CITY were not given a price this season when manager Ron Saunders jettisoned half his team following their relegation from the First Division last May.

Out went Noel Blake, the powerhouse defender spoken of as an England possibility, Howard Gayle, Mark McCarrick, Pat van den Hauwe and goalkeeper Tony Coton.

Birmingham's shortage of money, despite a £300,000 profit from the sale of Coton to Watford, appeared to give Saunders little hope of building a side good enough to regain a foothold in the First Division at the first attempt.

But once more Saunders looks as if he will shake those who label him a "toughie" boss with a code of discipline capable of making a French

Foreign Legionnaire winco.

Birmingham's charge into a promotion chasing position is a tribute to Saunders' soccer brain not muscles.

It is the same brain that guided Norwich to the Second Division Championship in 1972 and the League Cup Final in 1973; Manchester City to the League Cup Final in 1974; Aston Villa to League Cup triumph in 1975 and 1977, and the First Division title in 1981.

It is about time people realised that Ron Saunders is one of the best managers in Britain.

Star  Writer
Bryan Robson

Don't jeer... CHEER!

MY MANCHESTER UNITED team-mate Alan Brazil has taken such a barrage of unfair criticism that I feel it necessary to jump to his defence.

I am doubly anxious to offer him my support this week because Alan, and the rest of us, are in full training for Saturday's top of the table clash at Old Trafford against Spurs, his former club.

While Jesper Olsen and Gordon Strachan have been allowed to settle happily into their new lives at United, Alan Brazil has been slaughtered by the Press and fans.

I've always believed in the saying that if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all. So, it's about time somebody stood up for Alan.

First, it is necessary to study the circumstances of his transfer. Unlike Olsen and Strachan, Alan had a miserable time at his previous club. He played fewer than 20 League games for Spurs last season, scoring just three goals, one of those against Manchester United with a flying overhead kick.

So he came to Manchester United with his confidence low and his appetite for the game suffering a bit.

I must admit that I began to wonder whether Alan was as good as he was cracked up to be at Ipswich, his first club. I had my doubts about his strength, that quality so essential to compete in the First Division.

Let me assure you that Alan has erased those doubts, even though he is a bit of a ball-watcher, forgetting to tackle back.

He has pace and is much stronger than I thought he was. He makes tremendous runs and with more match practice than the handful of games he has had so far,

should be pushing for a Scotland place again.

Nothing gave me, or Alan, greater pleasure than to see him score his first goal for United, a vital effort in our UEFA Cup second-leg tie in Hungary against Vasas Gyor.

Alan Brazil's problems are typical of those that often beset strikers. Just take the case of Garth Crooks, Alan's old pal at White Hart Lane, who could well be leading the Spurs attack against us.

You'll remember that Garth made a handful of appearances for United on loan last season. Like Brazil, he had lost confidence, form and his place at Spurs and United were interested in taking him. It didn't work out, and I wouldn't mind betting that Garth is happy he returned to London now that he has recaptured the marksmanship that first impressed me when I played against him in his Stoke days.

Strikers are a breed that need careful handling and the support of fans. You're either a hero or a villain up front.

That's why I'm urging everyone to give Alan Brazil their support.



Alan Brazil has been unfairly criticised this season.

Bryan Robson



**Focus
on**



Full name: Peter Davenport.
Birthplace and date: I was born in Birkenhead, Merseyside, on March 24, 1961.
Height and weight: 6 feet, 11st, 5lbs.
Married: No.
Home: I still live with my parents in their Birkenhead home, although during the week I stay in a club house in Nottingham.
Car: Ford Escort XR3i.
Nickname: Dav is the most common one, although they sometimes call me Birkenhead because that's where I'm always dashing off to!

Peter Davenport

Nottingham Forest

Previous clubs: I was an amateur with Wrexham and Everton, but was playing for Cammell Laird when Forest spotted me a couple of years ago.

Team you supported as a boy: Manchester United.

Football hero of childhood: Bobby Charlton and George Best were my United idols during the late 60's, and I also liked Liverpool striker Roger Hunt (below).

Job or trade before turning pro: I was a civil servant with the Land Registry Department.

Favourite current player: Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish for his ability to create something out of nothing.

Most memorable match: The second-leg of our UEFA Cup clash with Celtic last season. They held us to a goalless draw at the City Ground, but we beat them 2-1 at Parkhead.

Biggest disappointment: Being beaten by Anderlecht in last season's UEFA Cup Semi-Final.

Superstitions: I don't have any.

International honours: None.

Club honours: None.

Favourite other sports: Golf, tennis and cricket.



Favourite other sports person: Golfer Jack Nicklaus (above). He has a tremendous will to win and has won everything in the game but remained so modest.

Hobbies: Messing about with my home computer and playing any sport.

Favourite actor/actress: Henry Fonda and Jane Seymour.

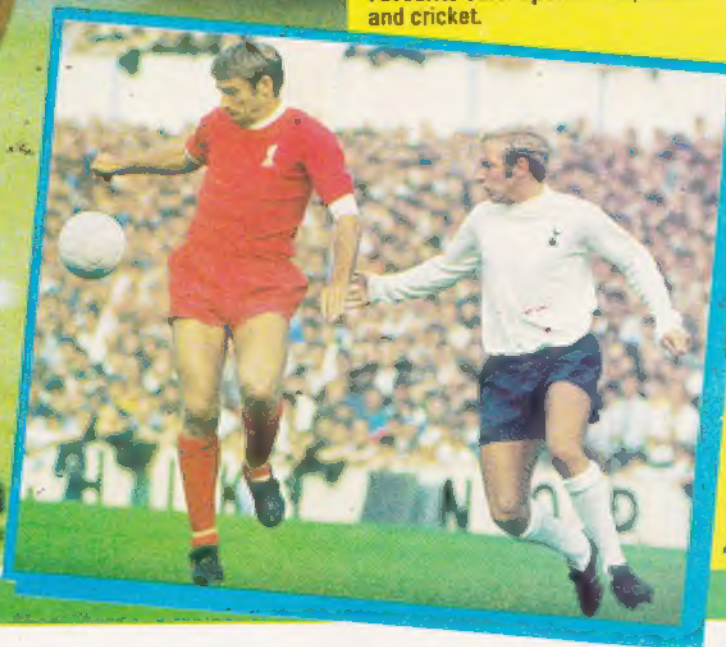
Favourite TV shows: A Question Of Sport, Hill Street Blues, Porridge.

Favourite musicians: Paul McCartney, Lionel Ritchie, Stevie Wonder.

Biggest influence on career: All my family, particularly my father, for all their support and encouragement.

Ambitions for 1984-85: To win something with Forest.

Long-term ambitions: Just to be a successful footballer.



Peter Davenport

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ACT TWO: Peyton, out of position, off balance, powerless and cursing, can only watch in dismay as Aldridge surges past him to score one of the nine goals the Oxford striker produced before the end of September.

No wonder Oxford's buoyant manager Jim Smith says: "John Aldridge scores goals like Ian Rush."

His capture from Newport for a paltry £70,000 just before last season's transfer deadline represents one of the year's most memorable bargains.

"I scored a few to help Oxford back into the Second Division and this season has started like a dream," says the 25-year-old former Liverpool car

factory worker.

"I've always felt that I could score goals at any level and I love the limelight that is now being focused on Oxford. This is a club that isn't going to stop for anyone.

"Oxford have had a good look at the Second Division now and we fear no one. Playing against Liverpool at Anfield next season? What a day in my life that would be!"

And more comparisons with Ian Rush.

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'You're not getting Wright'

WARNS LAWRIE



Uniteds and Liverpools," McMenemy admits. "But that's one of the reasons why I enjoy being with Southampton. It's a challenge, and when you tweak the tails of the big boys it means so much more."

"The gap between the traditional big-city clubs and the rest is becoming increasingly wide."

"The point was emphasised by the big-money signings that Manchester United, Tottenham and Liverpool made during the summer."

"There isn't a manager in the First Division who wouldn't give his right arm for some of the stars they bought. But most of us couldn't afford their wages, let alone the transfer fees!"

"And it doesn't help clubs like Southampton when their own players attempt to break their contracts in the way Mark Wright did earlier this season, or Mo Johnston did at Watford."

'Prepared'

"Watford's attitude was summed up by chairman Elton John's comment that he would be prepared to let Johnston 'rot in the reserves' rather than bow to a transfer request made through the newspapers."

"And that is precisely what I told Mark Wright."

"In fact, I would have been prepared to put Mark in Southampton's 'A' team."

"There is no way I would let a big club take advantage of all the work we have done in developing Mark."

"It is very important that clubs have directors with this attitude, not just the managers. Both Watford and Southampton boards would rather have let the players disappear in reserve team football than be sold under those circumstances."

"Thankfully both situations have been resolved but the incidents just showed what kind of pressure the small town clubs are under."

"I've been fortunate at Southampton in having a good board of directors. A lot of managers whose teams have had starts to the season would be worrying about their jobs."

"But our directors appreciate the problems of being in charge of a club with limited resources."

Those who believe that First Division respectability is the ultimate ambition of small-town clubs should have seen the dejected figure of Lawrie McMenemy at Highbury last April.

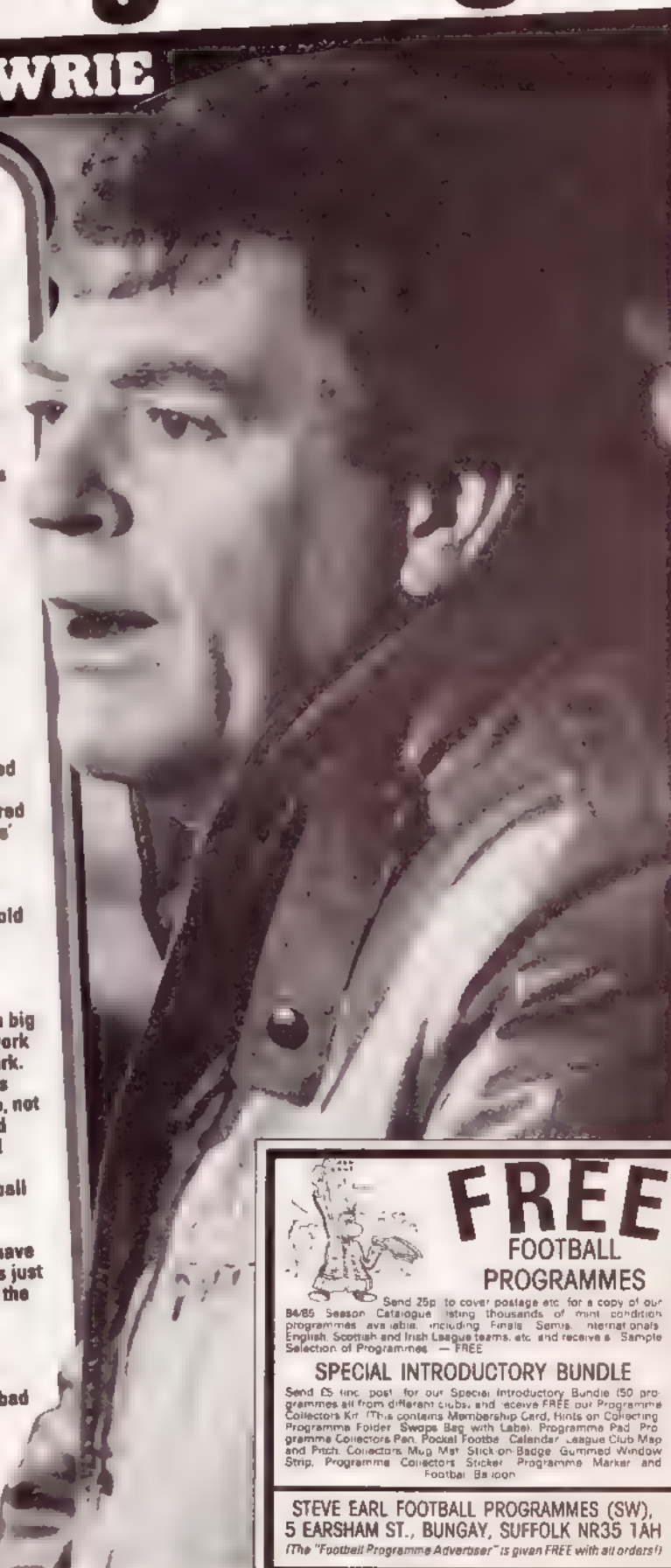
He had just seen his Southampton side beaten in the last moments of their F.A. Cup Semi-Final with Everton by Adrian Heath's extra-time winner.

So how can a manager of a club with limited financial resources and an average home gate of less than 20,000 sustain a serious challenge to the giants of Old Trafford, Anfield, Highbury, Goodison Park and White Hart Lane?

"You've got to produce your own players," McMenemy explains, pointing out that Southampton first team players like Nick Holmes, Steve Williams, Steve Moran and Danny Wallace all graduated through the club's youth system.

"And you can't afford to make mistakes in the transfer market — your judgment has got to be spot on."

"It's becoming harder and harder to compete with the Manchester



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STEVE WILLIAMS (Southampton)

STEVE Williams, Southampton's England midfielder player, believes his temperament was his biggest enemy until Lawrie McMenemy hauled him over the coals.

"I was hot-headed early in my career," said Williams, "and it was threatening to spoil my progress."

"But when I was sent-off at Blackburn Rovers for a stupid tackle the boss made it clear he'd had enough. He gave me a right rollicking."

"He told me that I had to make up my mind about my future and that unless I calmed down and concentrated on football I'd get nowhere."

"I've had a lot of help and good advice at The Dell, but that dressing down hit home."

GRAEME SOUNESS (Sampdoria)

GRAEME Souness recalls the turning point in his career — a verbal roasting from Jack Charlton.

Souness, now playing for Sampdoria in Italy, said: "I thought I was the bee's knees during my early days with Middlesbrough, so I guess big Jack reckoned it was time to put me straight."

"Jack is a powerful persuader when he's angry and he really hammered home the point that I had lots to learn, that I needed to lose the spare tyre round my middle, that it was about time I shut up and listened and grafted."

"Deep down I knew he was right."

GRAHAM RIX (Arsenal)

GRAHAM Rix's return to form in the Arsenal midfield had as much to do with a dressing down from manager Don Howe as it did his undoubted ability.

The England man explained: "I was simply not playing as well as I could. Maybe being captain was part of the problem, but that could sound like an excuse."

"Don asked to see me and let me know in no uncertain terms that the time had come for me to make up my mind about my career."

"By the time Don had finished with me I was bristling and it seemed as if someone had swept away a mountain of cobwebs and lead weights off my mind."

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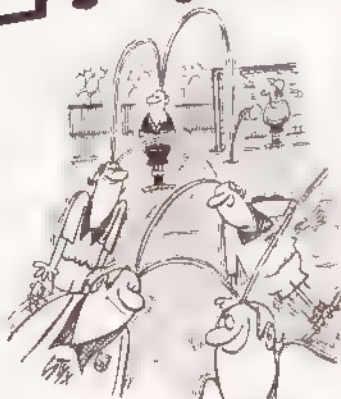
Take a break — it's laugh-time

Definition of a winger...
A player placed out on the touch-line so a linesman will have someone to talk to.

West Bromwich Albion coach Norman Hunter took part in a television commercial for jelly babies and during the clip was asked: "What part of the jelly baby do you eat first?"

Quick as a flash Norman replied: "I bite the legs."

Norman, of course, is well remembered for his fierce tackling in the colours of Leeds United and England.



BRIGHTON defender Gary O'Reilly always looks twice at Terry Gibson, now at Coventry.

"When we were both at Spurs the players attended a reception at a country club," explains Gibson.

"Gary was one of the last to arrive and was amazed when he spotted me."

"I've just seen you leave," insisted Gary. I dashed outside and found my car had been nicked.

"Gary had only opened the gate, waved the thieves goodbye and then complained that I had ignored him!"

Andy's laugh-in

(taken from *The Scottish Football Annual* published by Stanley Paul £4.95)

Scottish comedian Andy Cameron is a firm Rangers fan. He's a season-ticket holder at Ibrox and rarely misses a game... or the chance to have a laugh at the club's expense.

"When Rangers won the League Cup, someone asked where the trophy room was. Big Jock Wallace got the key, opened the door and Shergar jumped out. That wasn't all. Lord Lucan was riding him."

Up!

BEHIND great players there's the shadow of a boot hovering in the background to remind them that they all felt its toe at decisive stages in their careers.

Here we look at five top players and discover the occasions when each received the shake-up that set him on the road to greatness.

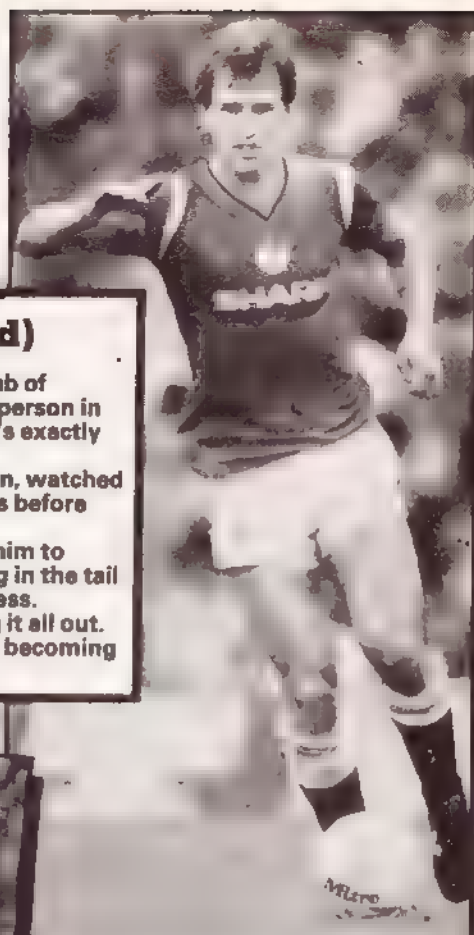
BRYAN ROBSON (Man Utd)

BRYAN Robson, England's dynamic captain and the hub of Manchester United's Championship drive, is the last person in football you'd expect to be accused of posing ... but that's exactly what manager Ron Atkinson once told him!

Atkinson, then Robson's boss at West Bromwich Albion, watched the gifted young player closely during a number of games before pouncing.

"I pulled him to one side and told him that he had it in him to become one of the best players in the world. But the sting in the tail was that he had to stop posing and start doing the business.

"I saw the wonderful talent in him and wanted to bring it all out. Bryan is very proud and he responded as I expected — by becoming one of the best players in the world!"



MIKE FILLERY (QPR)

THERE'S no questioning Mike Fillery's skill and vision, but more than one manager has tackled the midfielder player about his lazy, casual style.

It was QPR boss Alan Mullery who finally brought things to a head ... and it seems to have worked this season.

"We were playing at home and doing well," said Mullery:

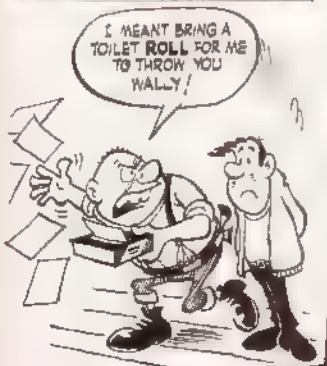
"but when the lads come in at half-time I refused to allow Mike to sit down. I was afraid he might doze off!"

"I've heard of being laid back, but he can be positively laid out!"

"Mike is a fine player with lots to offer but I will keep pushing him until he gets the message. Now he's playing an important role in our development."

SOCCER SLIP ... from TV commentator John Motson: "For the benefit of viewers watching in black and white, Spurs are in the yellow shirts."

Loud Mouth



From the postbag

What Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington might have said to the police inspector.

Inspector: "Why didn't you stop that shot?"
Wallington: "What do you think the net's for!"

Caption sent in by Helen Crocker, Harris Barton, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol.

Woman to her husband, a Liverpool fan: "Henry, I think you fancy Liverpool more than you do me."
Man: "I fancy Everton more than I do you!"

Sent in by Jamil Bhugloo, Victoria Road, Edmonton, North London.



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Beardsley

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CHRIS WADDLE

The exciting series that takes you inside the dressing-room.

We're soaring with Big Jack

NEWCASTLE'S excellent start to the season may have surprised people outside Geordieland — but it's absolutely staggered us!

Few folk realise just how worried the players and fans were during the summer as Kevin Keegan retired and manager Arthur Cox packed his bags.

Suddenly we were a First Division team, preparing to compete in the toughest division in the world without the two men who had done most to get us there.

Spirits soared when Jack Charlton came home to take the reins, and although he actually changed our playing style, he gave us confidence and relates easily to the fans. Hardly surprising — he's one of them!

So we've caught people with their shorts down — those who watched us playing the ball to feet through midfield last season, have been stretched beyond tolerance by the swift long balls that Peter Beardsley and I have on to.

Inexperienced

Can we keep it going? Well we know we're always going to concede goals because we are a young side, inexperienced at this level and dedicated to scoring more than our opponents rather than conceding less.

Makes nonsense of the pre-season predictions that we would turn us into a defensive side, difficult to break down!

Yes, we have to tighten up at the back, work harder in midfield and do more defending from the front. We also need to slow things down. We set out at 100 miles per hour then tire toward the end.

But we attack, we excite, we entertain and we fear nobody. Once we settle down and gain more experience we will become a force in the land.

It takes courage to tell you this...

Some things in life take exceptional courage. I'm about to tell you all about my Newcastle team-mates — and that's got to be my brave deed of the year well and truly out of the way!

I'll ease their pain a bit by admitting that they call me "Waddler". I keep telling myself it's because of my surname, but sometimes I wonder!

KEVIN CARR: "Mr Newcastle" is one of the busier keepers in the First Division, so I'm amazed that he finds so much time to dedicate to functions off the field. No matter what's going on in the area, "Cerris" attends, making presentations, snipping ribbons and probably kissing babies!

MAL BROWN: Great to see him playing again after missing a whole season with an ankle injury. Mal is a quiet lad, quick, tenacious and just as busy these days as the rest of the back four.

JOHN ANDERSON: "Ando" is an unpredictable Dubliner with a crazy line in practical jokes and evil tricks, his favourite being the extraction of hairs from your unsuspecting legs with a pair of tweezers! Try relaxing before a game with him near you.

GLENN ROEDER: We are beginning to understand what he says now, though it was hard going for a while. The only Cockney in the side, he takes endless stick and has the personality to cope. A quality player with good skills and a natural leader.

WES SAUNDERS: Cheerfully known as "Monte" because of his unfortunate habit of damaging himself while attempting daft pranks. Memorable items include failed handstands on slippery bath-side tiles. A real joker and a damn good player.

KENNY WHARTON: The Universe will always have to suffer under the nickname of "Bonesy" because of his strapping eight-and-a-bit-stone frame. He is a typical Geordie, fanatical about

the club and the area and a player who goes in for things that could really hurt.

NEIL McDONALD: Another Geordie, who has never lived down his sudden change of hairstyle. We call him "Wham" after the pop group because he turned up one day with all

DAVID MCCREERY: For reasons I've never understood he is always known as "Dobbler". Dave has experience, a cool head and has played with and against the very best. He's a winner and a typical Irishman, full of quips and great to have around when you are up against it.

PAT HEARD: Just getting to know our new arrival from Sheffield Wednesday. He's obviously a fine player — in fact the boss has just signed him for the second time so he must be keen!

PETER BEARDSLEY: "Pedro" — must be his dark good looks — makes it six local lads in the line-up including me. What more can I tell you about a player who has the ability to go to the very top?

STEVE CARNEY: This happy-go-lucky character is called "Blakely" after the miserable inspector from the TV series "On the Buses". Steve loves a good moan — you name it, he'll give it a go. He's also a player making his presence felt in the First Division.



Pat Heard

scares 'em to death

PETER Beardsley's superb goal against West Ham United had BBC commentator John Motson choking on his mike with excitement, but we don't turn a hair any more.

Peter is such a talented player that the rest of the lads almost expect him to do something special every time he sees the whites of the keeper's eyes.

My team-mate has pace, skill, vision and a fierce shot.

If Peter does not win an England cap this season then there is no justice. I rate him among the best strikers in the First Division, and I enjoy being in the same side.

We share a common love — beating opponents. I reckon that is the way to wreck a defence — and a team's confidence. They get worried the moment you receive the ball; they don't know whether to back off or dive in; they start covering the man marking you, leaving gaps elsewhere for your team-mates to exploit.

There's only one thing worse for a defender than a player with pace and that's a skilful player with pace.

Peter Beardsley scares them to death!



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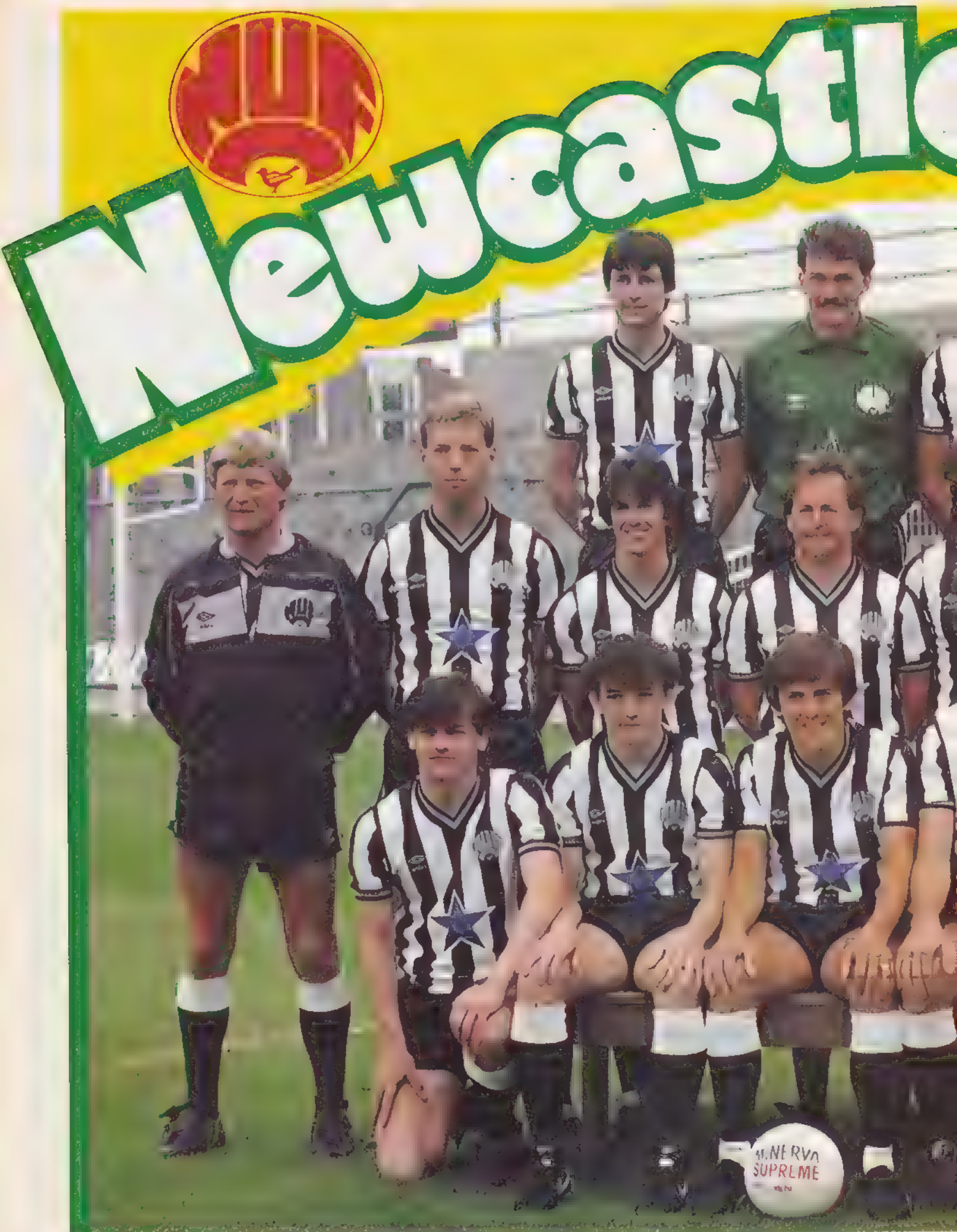
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BACK ROW (left to right): Chris Hadworth, Kevin Carr, Wes Saunders, Martin Thomas, Malcolm Brown.
MIDDLE ROW: Ian McFaul (coach), Darren Melville, Kenny Wharton, David McCreery, John Ryan (now Sheffield Wednesday), Neil McDonald, John Anderson, Ian Dawes, Jack Charlton (manager).
FRONT ROW: John Carver, Paul Ferris, Peter Beardsley, Glenn Roeder, Steve Cerney, Chris Waddle, Peter Haddock.





I'm worried about him playing two games a week. He's fading when he shouldn't be.

Spurs boss Peter Shreeves

TOTTENHAM star Mike Hazard has threatened by a series of mysterious fitness problems.

Spurs boss Peter Shreeves is convinced the little midfield man is short of stamina after his sluggish performance in the UEFA Cup tie against Sporting Braga.

But the 24-year-old Wearsider hits back: "As far as I am concerned there is nothing wrong with me.

It's only other people who reckon I have a problem. But don't ask me what it is... I haven't a clue.

Hazard wasn't in the least surprised when extensive tests at a Surrey clinic revealed that there was nothing physically wrong with him.

My stamina has been brought into question, but before I was dragged off in the UEFA Cup tie in Portugal I'd played eight games in just two weeks.

Anyone would feel tired after that kind of schedule. I asked a couple of the other lads at the club how they felt and they said they were also tired.

Hazard finally looked to have made the breakthrough at the end of last season when he stepped in for the injured Glenn Hoddle and turned in a

Glenn Hoddle's return from injury has put Hazard's place in jeopardy once again

Razard hits back!

'NOTHING WRONG WITH ME'



Magpie Memories

1 YEAR AGO

A MOTORWAY traffic jam make Spurs late for their game at Birmingham and after changing on the coach they rush straight on to the field to kick-off four minutes behind time. They win 1-0 with a goal by Steve Archibald. Liverpool move into second place behind Manchester United by winning 1-0 at QPR — Rangers' first home defeat since losing to Chelsea nearly ten months earlier. After seven defeats in a row, Notts County hold Stoke to a 1-1 draw. In Scotland disgruntled Rangers supporters make their feeling's clear following their fifth defeat in nine Premier Division games — 2-1 at home to Motherwell.

5 YEARS AGO

IN AN action-packed game at Leeds, Spurs goalkeeper Barry Daines is stretched off and centre-half Paul Miller gets his marching orders, but the Londoners still manage a 2-1 victory with Glenn Hoddie in goal. There is a tough Merseyside derby at Anfield, where Everton force a 2-2 draw with Andy King getting their equaliser. Luton regain the lead in Division Two with a 2-1 win at West Ham. Geoff Hurst is confirmed as Chelsea's new manager and appoints Bobby Gould as his assistant. Burnley, at the bottom of the Second Division, are the only Football League side without a victory this season. In the Scottish Premier Division Celtic suffer their first defeat of the season, losing 1-0 at Morton with Bobby Thomson the scorer.

10 YEARS AGO

LEAGUE leaders early in the season, Carlisle seem determined not to be written-off. Although they have slipped down the First Division they beat Derby County 3-0, scoring twice in four minutes. Middlesbrough and Coventry give the fans their money's worth with a 4-4 draw at Ayresome Park, a point which sends Middlesbrough up to fifth place in the First Division which is headed by Liverpool and Manchester City. Manchester United go four points clear at the top of the Second Division with a 3-0 victory at Blackpool. Arsenal slump to the bottom of the First Division after a 2-0 defeat at Spurs. After eight games Rangers remain the only unbeaten side in the Scottish First Division but are only one point ahead of Celtic.

SHOOT fires the questions you've been dying

We are told that Italian football is very different from the English League. Is this true?

HATELEY: Well, let's just say it's a lot different. But it hasn't taken as long as I thought it would to adapt. Hard work is the reason for that — I'm sure it's the reason I have settled so quickly. I have never been worked so hard in my life before. One thing I have

discovered, you don't get as much aggression in the games out here. You get penalised straight away if it gets too physical. In that respect, English football is tougher.

WILKINS: The main difference is the technique — the skill factor is exceptionally high. But against that, they lack the qualities of British players in matters such as fight and determination. But I would say you have time to hit better passes and do better things with the ball over here

OUR VERDICT ON ITALY



'I can't think of anything I miss about the game in England'
HATELEY

Do you enjoy the electric atmosphere at Italian matches?

HATELEY: There is simply nothing like it back home, even at the big First Division clubs. The atmosphere at our first match of the season, against Zico's side, Udinese, in the San Siro stadium,

was fantastic. It was certainly a lot louder than anything in England.

WILKINS: The atmosphere is probably better here because the fans are more fanatical than in England. But the crowds here need to be stimulated. At Manchester United, I played with the best crowd in Britain and they stimulated you. Over here, you have to do something good to get them going.



compiled by
John Hemon

Beat the clock

PIT your wits against our quiz master and his stopwatch. Beat the time limit on each section — and check your rating. Genius — 5 out of 5; Excellent — 4 out of 5; Good — 3 out of 5.

5 mins

COLOURS

Match the club with the correct colours.

BLACKBURN
Blue and white hoops

NEWCASTLE
Red and white stripes

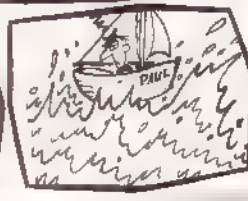
QPR
Black and white stripes

SUNDERLAND
Blue and white halves

3 mins

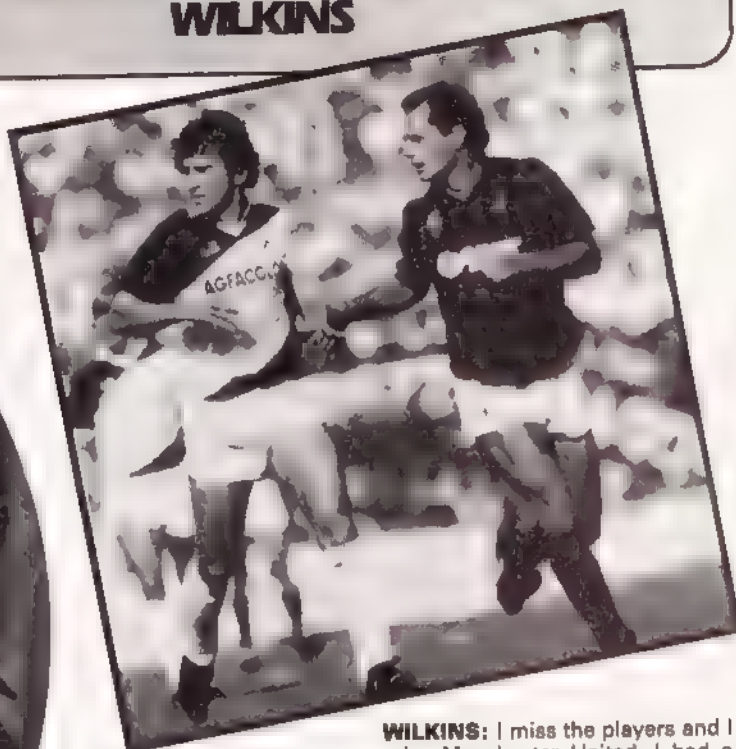
GUESS THE PLAYER

Which famous players do these cartoons represent?



to ask Mark Hateley and Ray Wilkins

'You have to do better things with the ball'
WILKINS



Surely you're missing Portsmouth and Manchester United?

HATELEY: I can't think of anything I miss about the game in England. Playing against the top players in the world like Zico, Socrates, Brady and Platini — you couldn't ask for anything more than that. I suppose you could say I miss my friends at home. Socially, it's a bit difficult at the moment, what with not speaking the language and having to stay in the hotels. But there is nothing I pine for very much.

WILKINS: I miss the players and I miss Manchester United. I had a great relationship with the people there but I have to keep telling myself that is all in the past. I am in a new venture and I'm determined to make it succeed.

We're told you're living like kings?

HATELEY: At Coventry, I was with a club which didn't have any sort of ambition. At Portsmouth, I was in Division Two. Now I'm with a massive club, one of the best in the world. That means the players are treated in the best way possible. My life has changed so much since I came here.

WILKINS: I want to live a normal family life. Hotels are OK, but not for any period of time. You tend to over eat in them because you get bored. I'm hoping to get a home near one of the famous lakes North of Milan. If we had a place there, it would be perfect because the club's training ground would be only ten minutes away by car.

Will your moves affect your England careers?

HATELEY: I hope it will earn me a regular place in Bobby Robson's side. Everyone says 'You're only 22, you have plenty of time to wait'. But I'm impatient — I want to get into the side for the next match. Doing well out here can only help my England chances. I feel much better already as a player — I'm sharper, quicker and all round more aware of what I have to do.

WILKINS: I sincerely hope not and I don't believe it will if I keep up my form. Whether you are in Manchester or Milan, as long as you are playing well enough to deserve a place you'll play for England.

What are the chances of you becoming better players in Italy?

HATELEY: I believe I've already improved. The Swedish coach, Nils Liedholm, has concentrated on my work in the penalty-area — that's where he wants me to be at my most effective. He has said it's not necessary to worry about working outside the area — it's inside that he wants me to be successful.

WILKINS: It is vital to me to become a better player and I think playing here can help me achieve that. My aim is to be a better player every time I go back to join up with the England squad. Everyone can still learn things about their job and I'm no exception.



3 mins

HAMMERS STALEMATE

Study the action shot taken during West Ham's 0-0 draw with Nottingham Forest and identify The Hammers' number eight and the Forest defender tackling.

WORDSEARCH

10 mins

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Can you find the names of six soccer stars hidden in this wordsearch grid? They are spelt out in straight lines, horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and forwards or backwards.

GRAY CLUBS

During his career, Andy Gray has played for Wolves, Everton, Dundee United and Aston Villa ... but not in that order. Rearrange them correctly.

3 mins





McKimmie the dangerous Don

THE defender who loves to attack ... that's the title Stewart McKimmie is currently earning for himself at Aberdeen.

Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson moved for him last season when it became inevitable that Stuart Kennedy wouldn't recover from crippling injury.

With a problem over the right-back position, Ferguson paid £90,000 to Dundee for McKimmie, and already that transfer fee looks peanuts.

"As soon as he came into the team he accepted responsibility," says Ferguson. "He knew the demands of this club would be high, but he never hesitated."

Now McKimmie has taken over the mantle of Kennedy, a great favourite with the Pittodrie faithful.

One of McKimmie's first games for Aberdeen was the European Super Cup Final against West Germany's European Champions SV Hamburg.

"It was quite a sudden change," says Stewart. "One minute I was fighting a relegation battle with Dundee and the next I was picking up a European winners medal!"



"It was really difficult to absorb it all, but now that I've sampled that sort of soccer glory I'm hungry for more."

McKimmie also picked up winners' medals in the Premier Division and the Scottish Cup last season. Against Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final, he was one of the most impressive players on the pitch and made a crucial goal-line clearance from Murdo MacLeod.

"That's what I'm there for," he says. "I love to get into attack, but my main priority is to make sure things are solid at the back."

Fantastic

Mark Hateley's father, Tony, when with Aston Villa, played five League games in London in season 1965-66 and scored in all of them — four at Tottenham, two at Fulham, and one each at Arsenal, Chelsea, and West Ham.

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"A fantastic goal, Smith. I bet you feel ten feet tall."

A SMASHING letter from Steven Hyde of Hoarwithy Road, Putson in Hereford.

Steven's grandad was a former player with Chelsea (1932-37) and Halifax (1937-39). He was also captain of Hereford Cricket Club.

"Grandad has suffered from a serious liver disease and endured a major operation and several spells in hospital," writes Steven.

"Fortunately he is on the mend but would be thrilled with a small mention in SHOOT."

Happy to oblige, Steven. Best wishes from all at SHOOT to a grand old man of sport.



THE HAPPY VIP!

No competition

EDWARD Tan Yong Jin, writes from Batu Pahat, Johor, West Malaysia.

"Fabulous! No other word can describe the New SHOOT."

"But why can't your overseas readers join in the competitions?"

I've received many similar letters. Here's an official reply from our Competitions Manager.

"Mainly the cost involved. Most competitions include a trip to London, or a soccer school in England. The cost of flying in a prize winner from abroad would be astronomical."

"Also the postage of prizes to an overseas country, would cost more than the actual prize!"

There you are Edward. I only wish we could afford to extend competitions to SHOOT readers everywhere. Unfortunately as you will now appreciate it just isn't possible.

MY thanks to all at Liverpool for making me so welcome when I and adidas executive Colin Wooldridge presented the First Division Golden Shoe Award to Ian Rush, before the recent Sheffield Wednesday game.

I sat behind Labour's Deputy Leader Mr. Roy Hattersley in the directors box and at times had difficulty following the game because he kept leaping out of his seat.

The distinguished gentleman is a devoted Sheffield Wednesday fan and was in a buoyant mood after seeing his team win 2-0.

When asked how he felt about the result in the lounge afterwards, Mr. Hattersley gave a diplomatic reply.

"A great game... and a most pleasant sporting surprise."

Shirty Alan!

SINCERE apologies to West Ham boss John Lyall, but a SHOOT reporter frightened the life out of his young star Alan Dickens recently.

While chatting to Alan about his fine start to the season, our reporter mentioned that the No.

10 shirt at Upton Park had become a famous symbol.

Trevor Brooking wore it so magnificently for 12 years or so and before him there was Geoff Hurst.

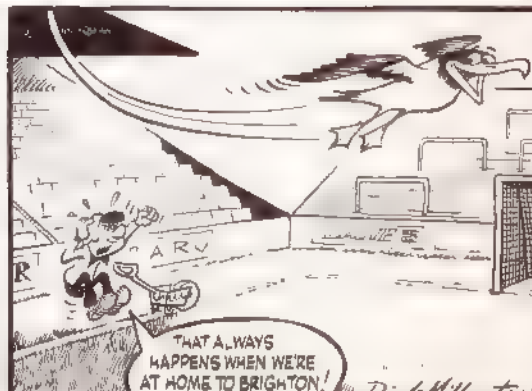
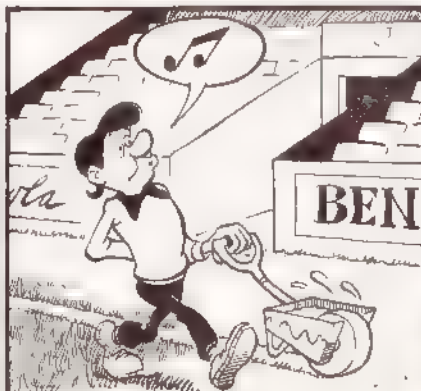
"Oh, no! You've sent a chill down my spine," groaned Alan.

"I was just coming to terms with having to fill Trevor's shirt, now you've reminded me about Geoff Hurst — and I hadn't given him a thought previously."

"Mind you, it might explain why I'm playing so well," said Alan, recovering his composure.

"That shirt knows how to play on its own!"

POOF-POOF!



Dick Millington

Eric Gates' special plea to the England manager

☺ When I looked at the squad for the World Cup qualifier against Finland, I remember thinking to myself. 'I'm as good as any of them.' That's not arrogance, just my opinion. ☺

You should pick me, Bobby!

"Looking back, I shouldn't have played in Rumania. I had been laid low with a virus infection and it was only on the morning of the match that I got out of my sick bed," he recalls.

Gates was again included in the squad for the next World Cup clash with Switzerland but injury forced him to withdraw and when he was subsequently named in the 'B' squad to face Spain he pulled out because of the imminent birth of his first child.

"I often wonder if that had anything to do with the fact that I was never again selected," he says.

But now Gates has emerged once more as a genuine cap contender after a whirlwind start to the new season.

"Bobby Robson knows my game inside out from his time at Ipswich. No one knows more about me than he

does," says Gates. "But I must admit I have my doubts as to whether he will pick me."

"He seems fairly set in his ways when it comes to the England attack but I could be wrong. What I can promise is that I'd be a useful asset to him. I've rarely played better and I'm confident I could do a good job, given the chance."

"When I looked at the squad for the World Cup qualifier against Finland I remember thinking to myself 'I'm as good as any of them'. That's not arrogance, just my honest opinion."

"As I said before, I'm not trying to tell Bobby Robson his job. But at the same time I want to make sure he doesn't forget about me!"

IPSWICH striker Eric Gates has carefully

chosen his moment to nominate a player he feels certain can help England on the road to Mexico in 1986 — himself!

But before he is labelled big-headed and arrogant, Gates points out: "I'm not trying to tell Bobby Robson his job, only give him some useful advice."

"I'm not even saying I should be in the England team. But I genuinely believe that I have something to offer and I'd love the chance to play for my country again."

Gates has already won two senior caps, back in 1980 when Kevin Keegan was injured and Gates was the surprise choice to replace him against Norway.

England coasted to a 4-0 Wembley triumph and Gates did well enough to retain his place in Rumania the following month.

Is this England form?

Season	League goals
1979-80	13
1980-81	11
1981-82	9
1982-83	3
1983-84	13
1984-85	6

(League goals up to 6th October, 1984)

Gates shields the ball to go past Luton's Mal Donaghy.



A full-page photograph of Gordon Strachan, a Scottish footballer, in action. He is wearing a red Manchester United jersey with the word 'SHARP' on the front, black shorts, and black socks. He is running on a green field, looking up at a soccer ball in the air. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators. The entire image is framed by a thick blue border.

**Gordon
Strachan**
Manchester
United

CELTIC manager DAVIE HAY is turning his attentions to England in his search for a big name star to keep the Parkhead fans happy. Watford striker GEORGE REILLY and transfer-listed WBA centre-half KEN McNAUGHT are top of his wanted list

IRWIN



A big hand for Bristol City for taking a stand against the racist morons who jeer coloured players from the safety of the terraces. Chairman DES WILLIAMS has instructed police and stewards to eject any such dim-wits from the ground and says: "We are determined to wipe out the detestable racist chants from a small section of our crowd. Anyone indulging in this disgusting behaviour will be banned from Ashton Gate."

BRUCE'S GRIPE

Looking for a new job unless I had personal experience of it.

Meanwhile, Bruce's understudy BOB BOLDER will not renew his contract with the club.

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Hammers' Xmas bonus

I'm pleased to report that West Ham's England midfield star ALAN DEVONSHIRE could be back in League action by Christmas.

'Dev' kicked a ball for the first time in eight months the other day and reports that his knee injury is recovering rapidly.

"I feel fit and strong," he told me. "I just need to get some more movement back into the knee."

WATCH OUT, EVERTON!

Saturday, 24th November is a date emphatically ringed in the Everton calendar - that's when the young Howard Kendall will be given a free transfer to former club Everton. The 19-year-old (yellow shirt, soccer) was given a free transfer by Everton after helping them win the F.A. Youth Cup and now says: "I'm burning. Howard Kendall was wrong to let me go and I can't wait to prove it to him."

Aston Villa have been shocked by a transfer request from full-back GARY WILLIAMS, who only signed a new two-year contract in the summer.

Manager GRAHAM TURNER says: "Gary is not enjoying his football with Villa and as I don't believe in standing in the way of unsettled players, I have agreed to put him on the transfer list."

Billy who?

WOLVES teenage midfield star PAUL DOUGHERTY (right, wasn't too sure how to take it when manager TOMMY DOCHERTY compared him to former Leeds and Scotland skipper BILLY BREMNER the other week. "To be perfectly honest, I'd never heard of him," admitted the 18-year old who could never be accused of living in the past



AT LARGE

LABOUR OF LOVE

THIRD Division Brentford have enlisted the help of a VIP supporter — Leader of the Opposition NEIL KINNOCK.

The Labour leader lives in nearby Ealing and is a regular visitor to Griffin Park. And his verdict on The Bees? "They have the makings of a fair side and promotion is by no means a forlorn hope."

Barnes gets involved

WATFORD boss GRAHAM TAYLOR may not be too happy with the current form of his blunderful defence, but he's delighted with his flying winger JOHN BARNES.

Says Taylor: "Too many wingers complain about a lack of service, but I won't buy that and John knows it."

"He's proved to me that he has discovered how to get involved in a game even when he isn't getting the service from midfield and convinces me even more that he's the kind of player England are going to need in the next World Cup."

MORLEY ON THE RATES



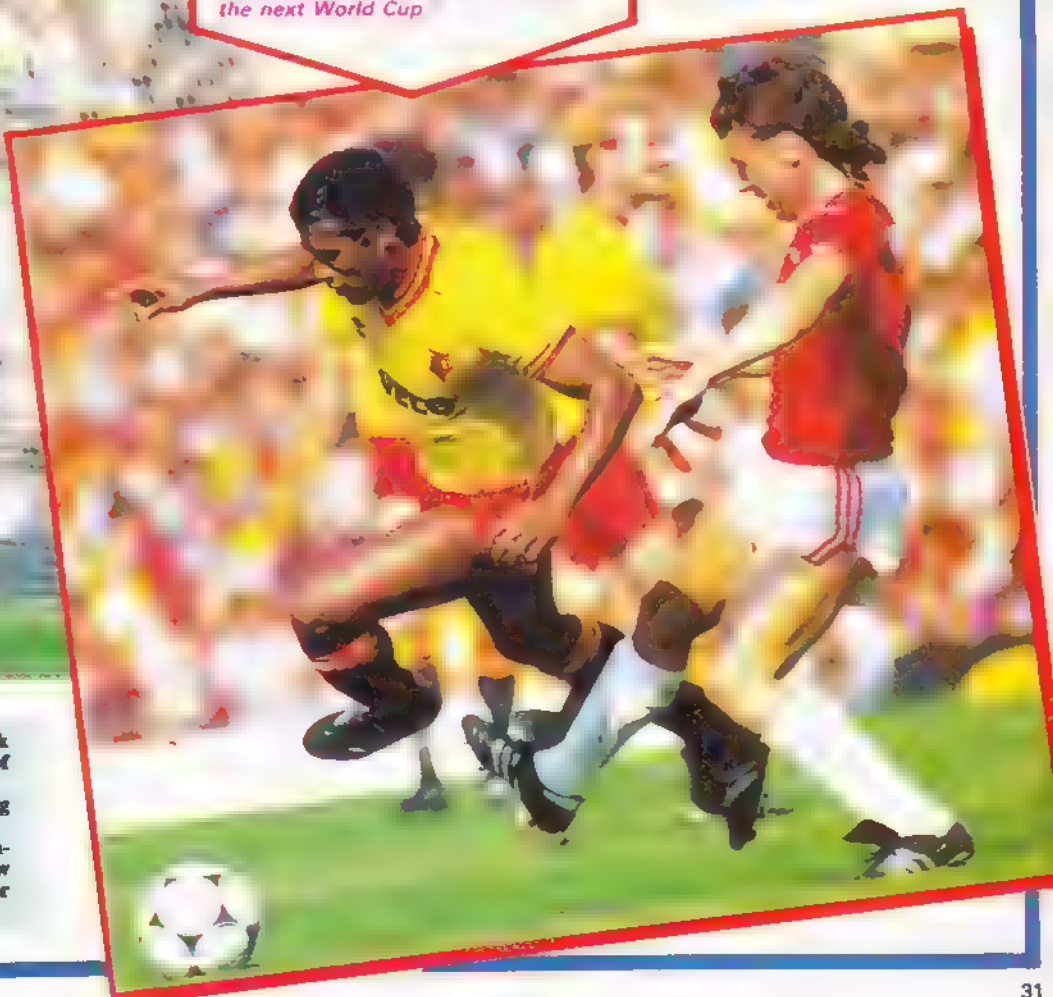
WBA fly to Hong Kong this month to face the national side as part of a trade and cultural fair — and if they don't attract a 55 per cent capacity crowd the ratepayers of Birmingham will foot the bill to cover A's expenses.

Says the West Midlands councillor: "We should have sent Aston Villa. They'd pull a much bigger crowd!"

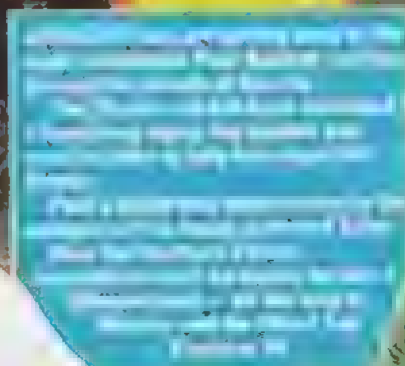
THE impressive form of Sunderland full-back BARRY VENISON (left) has rekindled his hopes of a recall to the England Under-21 side.

"I was rather hurt when I was left out after making two appearances for the Under-21's," he says.

"Perhaps BOBBY ROBSON wanted me to concentrate on my job as captain of the Youth team, but now that MEL STERLAND has moved up to the senior squad maybe I'll get another chance."



Ramsey's road to recovery



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Liverpool's slump

Once again Liverpool have been written off as Championship contenders. Do you think their reign is over this time?

ANDREW RUSSON,
BRANSTON, Lincs



People have been saying this for the last ten years, but to suggest they won't be among the challengers is ludicrous. I get the feeling they might not win the League this time, but remember that they've come storming back after 'lending' the title to Villa and Forest in recent years. I hope for football's sake that they don't win the Championship again. I'll just settle for the European Cup!



Don't forget Gary

Everyone seems to think it's either Woodcock and Manner or Hatalay and Francis for England. But have they all forgotten Gary Lineker — the sharpest English striker around.

ANDREW PRATT,
LEICESTER.

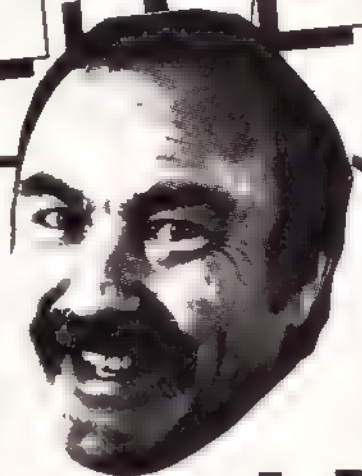


I'd certainly like to see him get more of a chance than the brief appearance he had as sub against Scotland last season. For the last two years I've been raving about Lineker, and was surprised both Liverpool and United went for someone else during the summer. Perhaps Leicester want too much money for him, because I know the top clubs have made a gentleman's agreement not to pay more than £750,000 for any player. With all due respect to Leicester, I'd love to see Lineker in a really good team — he'd be the League's top scorer bar none.

JUST JIM



This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from Graeme Becke of South Sudley Road in Liverpool.



We want goals!

I can't understand how managers like Jack Charlton and Howard Kendall can complain after watching their teams score five away from home. So what if they conceded a few in the process? Surely it's goals the fans want to see — not brilliant defensive play



I agree with your sentiments, but I can also understand why Jack and Howard were upset because unless you've got a good defence you'll never win anything. Just look at Brazil in the last World Cup. They were brilliant in attack

but didn't have a clue at the back and went out to Italy. Above all else the fan wants to see his team win — preferably 5-0, but 1-0 will do. We all love to see a mountain of goals scored — but they don't necessarily guarantee a great game. I can remember a number of magnificent 0-0 draws.

Cheers Charlie!

Well done Charlie Nicholas for proving to a great many critics — yourself included — that he didn't sign for the wrong club when he joined Arsenal.

MARK THORP,
ROMFORD, ESSEX.



I didn't say he'd joined the wrong club. I said he'd have done better at Liverpool or Manchester United, and I still believe that. He's too good a player not to do well, but Arsenal signed him as a striker who'd just scored 50 goals in a season and have turned him into a midfield player. Although I must admit the Scotland international has turned in some remarkable performances for The Gunners in that position this season.

Wally of the week

Why don't Southampton sack manager Lawrie McMenemy? He's been in charge at The Dell for more than ten years and in that time the team should have won a great many more trophies than they have.

DAVID MORGAN,
CAMBERLEY, SURREY.



Don't be ridiculous. Lawrie has put Southampton on the football map with very limited resources and has done brilliantly to keep them up near the top. He could quite easily have taken control of a more glamorous club but has remained loyal to Saints. Now Southampton must reciprocate, although it wouldn't surprise me to see them parting company before the end of the season.



Mackay's still magic

Have you any idea of the whereabouts of your old Spurs team-mate Dave Mackay and is he still involved in soccer?

WILLIAM SMILLIE,
LINLITHGOW, W. Lothian



Dave has been running a team out in Kuwait for the last five years — and very successfully, too. In fact, I keep hearing he wants to come home but the oil sheikh or whoever it is in charge out there keeps offering him more money to stay. I've seen him a few times in the last couple of years and he looks fitter than ever. Mind you, I don't suppose there's a great deal to do out in Kuwait other than train and play squash!

Falco's fans

I'm delighted to see that Mark Falco is starting to get the recognition he deserves. It's not so long ago that he was getting a lot of stick from the Spurs fans.

PAUL BENNETT,
PARKLANDS, NORTHAMPTON.



Having spent nine years at White Hart Lane, I know just how difficult the Tottenham fans are to please. Luckily, they never had a go at me but I remember poor old Terry Venables took some terrible hammer from them. I'm pleased to see Falco's finally winning them over. He's a strong, honest lad who never hides. But he mustn't lose confidence when the inevitable barren run comes. Even I lost form once — for five minutes!



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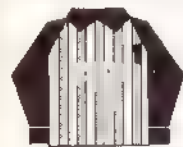
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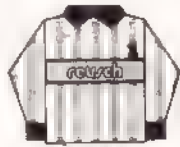


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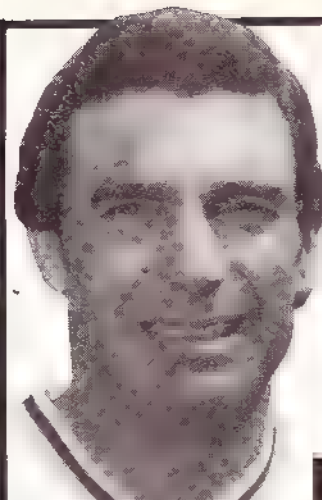
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Sweeper 'Keepers

GOALKEEPERS often double up as sweepers these days. They are encouraged to come out of the area to cover for defenders who have pushed forward to put pressure on opponents.

Until recently 'keepers rarely strayed out of the penalty-area. Now you often see them rush out to clear their lines.

It's vital that 'keepers don't attempt any fancy footwork. The big boot is the golden rule under these circumstances.

Kick the ball as far away as possible, or try to find touch. Don't mess around trying to be clever.

More often than not 'keepers are able to read the situation and get to the ball before an opponent, but sometimes they make mistakes.

Bruce Grobbelaar (below), dropped a clanger against Sheffield Wednesday recently.

The ball was played through the middle, past the Liverpool back-four. Bruce raced out of his goal and instead of booting clear tried to slip a delicate pass to a team-mate.

Unfortunately, Bruce miskicked and in raced Imre Varadi to intercept and slip the ball into an empty net from 30 yards.

The Liverpool 'keeper has often been criticised for "playing to the crowd".

While it's great to have characters like Bruce in the game, I wouldn't advise any youngster to copy his style.

Concentrate on your basic goalkeeping skills and leave the clowning to experts like Bruce.



Iain Sharp of Gerrard Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear asks: "What are the best foods to eat before a game?"

IT'S better to eat too little than too much, Iain.

I used to have a good meal on a Friday night and then just toast, jam or honey, tea with sugar three hours before kick-off.

Some players have peaches and cornflakes before games. Others just an omelette. Steak used to be favourite but the experts say that red meat takes 24 hours to digest and is bad for you. Better to have fish or chicken. Don't eat chips, rolls or potatoes.

The West Ham and England lads have a bar of chocolate before games to give them energy.

Iain wins a SHOOT T-shirt. You'll get one too if your letter is published in my column. Please state T-shirt size (small, medium or large) when writing to me.



HOT LINE

WORLD NEWS FROM TONY ROCHE

Platini axed!

MICHEL PLATINI received a shock when Juventus coach Trapattoni suggested his solution to the French wizard's sudden loss of form... he dropped him!

As Juventus took on Como, Platini stayed at home, admitting: "I was surprised, but I believe the decision is a good one. I have not had a holiday, nor rest, because of my involvement with France in the European Championship. But I will bounce back."

He did! With a one-week break under his belt, Platini played against Atalanta and scored twice in a 5-1 win.

They tell me...

● Real Madrid's angry players, fed up being labelled greedy because of their role in the recent players' strike, donated their £1,200 bonus per man for beating Wacker Innsbruck in the UEFA Cup to charity.

● Chile have appointed Cobreloa manager Vicente Cantatore as national team coach for their World Cup eliminators against Uruguay and Ecuador.

● Arpi Filho, the referee appointed for Liverpool's World Club Championship match against Independiente of Argentina in Tokyo, has been banned by the Brazilian F.A. for inciting a climate of violence during a League game between Palmeiras and Sao Paulo.

● Franz Beckenbauer (below), manager of West Germany, wants the Bundesliga reduced from 18 clubs to 14 in order "to eliminate the less interesting games and promote a better standard of football."



■ The 1985 European Cup Final will be played in Brussels on May 29 and the Cup-Winners' Cup Final in Rotterdam on May 15.

Tosh is tops

JOHN TOSHACK has made a dazzling start to his new career as manager of Sporting Lisbon.

The former Swansea boss has shaken off the Vetch Field blues and his disappointment at not getting the nod from Liverpool to succeed Bob Paisley.

Lisbon have made a tremendous start, top the table and have their fans dreaming of the title after a 6-2 win at Salgueiros.

Domination

Toshack is quietly reshaping Lisbon and has set them on the road to ending the recent Benfica/FC Porto domination of Portuguese football.

Toshack's strike force is led by Manuel Fernandez, currently top scorer in Portugal, but he wants a quality striker to partner him... and has been watching Garth Crooks of Spurs!

Crooks' return to Spurs' first team could up the asking price, but I'm told that Toshack believes Fernandez and Crooks would really buzz and is prepared to improve the offer he made last month.

Penarol Plight

FURTHER problems for Penarol of Uruguay. They now face closure... from Pluna, Uruguay's national airline! They are claiming for non-payment of 25,000 dollars worth of air fares. That will be added to the 220,000 dollars the club owe to other debtors.



Make...

HANS VAN BREUKELEN'S form for PSV Eindhoven since his transfer from Nottingham Forest is so impressive that he's a cert to replace Piet Schrijvers in goal for Holland.

...or break!

LUDO COECK, the Inter Milan player currently on loan to Ascoli, is back in his native Belgium for make-or-break treatment to an ankle injury that threatens to end his career.

Close shave!

MARK MCGHEE, Hamburg's close-season signing from Aberdeen, escaped the axe by 11 minutes in the recent Bundesliga game at Karlsruhe.

Having failed to score in his new club's first four games, McGhee (left) saw the ominous sign of a sub warming up as Karlsruhe held on to a 1-0 lead in game number five.

But it was McGhee who saved the day — and a point — with a 79th minute equaliser, and went on to sink Southampton in the UEFA Cup with a last-minute goal!

ANSWERS

COLOURS. 1. Blackburn — blue and white halves. 2. Newcastle — black and white stripes. 3. QPR — blue and white hoops. 4. Sunderland — red and white stripes. GUESS THE PLAYER. 1. Ian Rush 2. Steve Archibald, 3. Norman Whiteside, 4. Tony Woodcock. 5. Phil Neal, 6. Paul Mariner.

HAMMERS STALEMATE. West Ham's Paul Goddard and Chris Fairclough of Forest.

WORDSEARCH. Cowans, Harvey, Jennings, Mariner, Stapleton, Young.

GRAY CLUBS. Dundee United, Aston Villa, Wolves, Everton.



BRITAIN IN EUROPE — ROUND TWO

NO BRITISH player today is better qualified to comment on playing Europe than Ray Clemence.

He's in his 16th year of campaigning for honours with Liverpool and now Spurs — and has three European Cup and three UEFA Cup winner's medals to his credit.

Of the 15 British clubs who qualified for Europe this season, ten have won through to the Second Round.

Ray casts an experienced eye over each Second Round team to assess how many will survive — and gives a thumbs up or down!

EUROPEAN CUP

LIVERPOOL v BENFICA

This will be the third time in six years my old club have met the Portuguese Champions. I played against them in my last season at Anfield and we won comfortably with a 6-2 aggregate. Trouble with Benfica is that they have talented individuals but poor team-work. Liverpool should have no trouble giving them the k.o. In fact I believe the Reds will reach the Final again if they can avoid Juventus, their strongest challengers.



PANATHINAIKOS v LINFIELD

If the draw had been reversed the Irishmen would have stood a chance. But I know from experience how geared-up Greek sides are by fans when they start a tie on their home ground. The Greeks — losing Finalists in 1971

— will score enough goals to present Linfield with an impossible task in the second-leg.



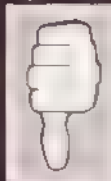
Jim Finch heads Liverpool to victory against Benfica in last season's European Cup.



CUP-WINNERS' CUP

ROMA v WREXHAM

A dream tie for Bobby Roberts' team. A big gate against a star-studded Italian glamour side will give the club's finances the boost they need. Having knocked out last season's losing Cup-Winners' Cup Finalists, Porto, it's too much to expect a victory over the losing European Cup Finalists. If it happens, it'll be a miracle!



shutting up shop. It's going to be tight, but I'll have my fingers crossed The Blues make it to the last eight.



Everton (dark shorts) struggled to break down UCD's massed defence in the last round.

RAY POINTS THE WAY!

CELTIC v RAPID VIENNA

If Rapid Vienna are as strong as Austria Vienna, the side that gave Spurs such a tough time in last season's UEFA Cup, the Parkhead lads are in for a hard battle. Celtic's biggest asset will be their fanatical crowd. Most foreign sides just aren't used to playing in front of such tremendous home support. So come on you Celts, you can shout your team through!



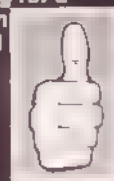
INTER-BRATISLAVA v EVERTON

Everton's tactic must be to obtain a good away result and rely on getting goals at Goodison. But they must overcome their problem of scoring against defensive sides — and Czechs

UEFA CUP

BRUGES v SPURS

This pairing really brought back happy memories for me. With Liverpool I played against the Belgians in the 1975-76 Final of this competition, then again in the 1978 European Cup Final, and we won both times. We'll be looking for a "respectable" result in Bruges, with one goal at least to bring back to White Hart Lane. And we'd like our fans to leave a good impression!



PSV EINDHOVEN v MAN. UNITED

My opposite number at United, Gary Bailey, is in for a busy time against the Dutchmen who, like United, play all-out attacking football.

I predict the fans are going to see a lot of goals over the two legs, with United getting the bigger share. The Reds will go through at Old Trafford.



QPR v PARTIZAN BELGRADE

I've never played against Partizan, but Belgrade's other club, Red Star, were too strong for Liverpool in 1973. Alan Mullery's men must tighten up a leaky defence to ensure the Yugoslavs don't score at Highbury. And if they can take a couple of goals to Belgrade and defend them, they'll pass a really stern test of character.



INTER MILAN v RANGERS

Jock Wallace's lads couldn't have been handed a tougher draw. Inter have two of the finest players in Europe —

Liam Brady, the former Arsenal midfield genius, and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the West German ace. I've played against Karl when he was with Bayern Munich and the national team, and he's like a jack-in-the-box capable of popping up in the most unusual places to score. I know I'll risk losing any Scots fans I have, but I'm afraid it's goodbye Rangers.



LASK LINZ v DUNDEE UNITED

The fact that, like most people, I've never heard of this Austrian club indicates they haven't much of a pedigree. United shouldn't underestimate them, though, but the Scots club must be confident through the success they've had in recent years. I'm convinced it's United for the Third Round.



Well, there it is. My "rule of thumb" on British clubs' chances. And if we do better than seven out of ten, no one will be more pleased than me!



Biggest names in blazing colour...

Luther Blissett — Has Italy ruined him?
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Mighty Merseyside's V

IN A GLITTERING world all of their own, the holders of the four major domestic trophies clash in what promises to be one of the great Liverpool v Everton Mersey derby games on Saturday.

Between them the two great clubs have enough silver to warrant Securicor's presence — and many now believe that the famous security firm would have to fend off a fierce assault on the vault by London giants Arsenal and Spurs.



Hands Off!



LIVERPOOL, League Champions and Milk Cup holders, as well as European Champions, have made a modest start by their own awesome standards.

Everton, winners of the F.A. Cup and Charity Shield, are rocketing up the table and scoring more freely than last season.

And both have marched into the Second Round of their respective European competitions, the Champions', and Cup-Winners' Cups.

But there's an ever-growing roar from way down South. The North London clubs — both former winners of the elusive 'double' — are not only sustaining their excellent form but entertaining into the bargain.

The players who will turn Anfield into a gladiatorial arena on Saturday are aware of the challenge to their supremacy, and the message from both camps is as curt as it's final: "Hands Off!"

SHOOT caught up with Welsh international team-mates and long-standing friends Ian Rush and Kevin Ratcliffe to discover exactly how the two Merseyside clubs view the powerful London challenge on the eve of their titanic battle.

Putting aside their own game for a moment they both analysed the prospects of the 'pretenders'. And the gauntlet is down!

Our star-writer Rush, battling to recover from a knee injury and get into the squad for Saturday, said: "Arsenal and Spurs are two excellent teams. I admire their style and their

attacking attitude. But the title will stay in the North.

"If we don't win it again then you have to look to Manchester United and our neighbours, Everton.

"I don't underestimate the London clubs — far from it. They have quality players throughout both sides. But it's a long, hard season and Liverpool have more experience than the rest put together.

"We know how to handle mini-slumps, transitional periods, such as right now, and the various weather conditions.

"United have a marvellous squad and fanatical fans. They are on the very edge of the breakthrough. And Everton? They've overcome their biggest problem, winning their first major trophy since 1970. Now that's out of the way they are very dangerous."

Ratcliffe agreed: "You have to reckon on the clubs up this way being out in front at the end. I don't see Spurs as Champions because they tend to be inconsistent. They are a



Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan goes between Adrian Heath and Peter Reid.

Warning to London

Arsenal and Spurs
— leading the
capital challenge.



classic Cup side, capable of beating the best in the world — on the day. But this title means doing it four days out of five.

"Arsenal could win the title because they are more organised and more mean at the back. But I still don't reckon the South will up-stage us."

Rush added: "It's always the same when Liverpool lose a game or two. In a matter of weeks we are supposed to be finished. Yet on October 1 last season we were sixth after a couple of draws and two defeats, yet went on to clean up!

"My team-mates are loving every minute of this because it takes the pressure off. People are now considering Everton as possible narrow favourites because they've beaten us at Wembley and they're above us in the table."

Ratcliffe disagreed: "You cannot talk of favourites for this game. I've never known anything like the Mersey derby.

'Favourites'

"Form players have nightmares, lads who've been struggling hit brilliant form, nerves jangle and the noise prevents you from even thinking straight!

"But let's agree that this time Liverpool are no longer clear-cut favourites. We have shaken off the complex of not having won a trophy and followed it up with the Charity Shield ... at Liverpool's expense."

Rush stretched his legs, tapped the troublesome knee and said: "I'm nearly there. The worst is over and I desperately want to get back in action. But for this one, well maybe the boss might stick me on the bench. That's a let-off for Kevin!"

Ratcliffe took it the way it was intended: "We've enjoyed a number of incredible battles on the field and chatted about them for hours afterwards. To prevent Ian from scoring is a feat in itself. I respect him as an opponent on every occasion.

"The way the players from both clubs can thunder at each other for 90 minutes then share a drink afterwards just about sums up the whole scene. The fans are the same; they go to the game together, stand together on the terraces and can go home still mates afterwards."

Rush added: "It's unique and I don't think, for all their unquestioned talent, that the London duo can dislodge us just yet."

Rush and Ratcliffe clash during this season's Charity Shield.

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